(a) whether Government have decided to sell 6.5 lakh tonnes of rice to traders in non-rice procuring States such as Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Bihar, Kerala and the North-East;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India after sending around 60,000 tonnes of rice, abruptly cut-off the supplies;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) what action has been taken against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) During September, 2000, the Government had authorised the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to dispose of upto 30 lakh tonnes of rice in open market subject to the following conditions:—

(i) the open sale of rice will be undertaken by the FCI in the consuming States only, *i.e.*, where there is no /negligible procurement of rice for the Central Pool.

(ii) FCI will attempt to dispose of rice procured under relaxed specifications (URS) to the maximum extent possible.

(iii) The sale prices of URS rice of 1998-99 crop and other stocks of rice will be fixed separately by the High Level Committee of the FCI through a transparent mechanism.

Subsequently, during December, 2000, the FCI was authorised to undertake open sale of rice in those States also where rice is procured for the Central Pool, subject to the condition that the price of open sale of rice would not be less than the levy price of rice in those States.

(b) to (d) The sale of rice procured under relaxed specifications (URS) was suspended by the FCI on receipt of certain complaints. Action is being initiated against the erring officials.

Nuclear power plants in South

466. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Russian experts in diverse field work has recently been here for the establishment of proposed nuclear power plants of 2000 MW capacity in south; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision made at the deliberation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a)Yes, Madam.

(b) The Russian experts have visited India in connection with the finalisation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR)/Preliminary Safety Analysis Report (PSAR) and negotiation of Techno Commercial Offer received from them, in the context of setting up of 2 x 1000 MWe VVER type nuclear Power Plants at Kundankulam, Tamil Nadu. The deliberations on Detailed Project Report (DPR)/Preliminary Safety Analysis Report (PSAR) and negotiations for Techno Commercial Offer are still in progress.

Capacity and Generation of Nuclear Power

467. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the overall capacity and generation of power by the nuclear power plants during the last five years;

(b) the likely additions to nuclear power capacity during the Tenth five Year Plan period beginning 2002-2003;

(c) the estimated outlays needed to realise the targets of additional capacity; and

(d) the relative contribution of various sources of resource generation to realise the targets mentioned in part (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The overall capacity MWe and the generation in million Units (MUs) of Power by the nuclear power plants during last five years are as follows:

Year	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Capacity (MWe)	1840	1840	1840	2060	2720
Generation (MUs)	9068	10098	12001	13394	17213